



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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## **US-Sudan relations**

- A senior official at the Sudanese National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) stated yesterday that cooperation between Sudan and the U.S. in combating terrorism, money laundering, and organized crime have affected relations between Khartoum and Washington in a positive way. The NISS official, however, denied reports of a CIA delegation arriving in the country recently. He further explained that cooperation between NISS and CIA has served fundamental mutual interests between Khartoum and Washington without violating Sudan's sovereignty and independent decision-making. The official further stated that cooperation between NISS and CIA has promoted dialogue between Sudan and the U.S. In addition, the official criticized some local newspapers for publishing false information related to intelligence cooperation between the Sudan and the U.S. (*Sudanese Media Center, Al-Rai Al-Aam, et al*)

## **SPLM Controversy**

- Vice President Salva Kiir has ordered the creation of an investigating committee into allegations that Foreign Minister Lam Akol is supporting anti-Sudan People's Liberation Movement militia. The investigation committee is headed by Minister of Humanitarian Affairs Costa Manaby. (*Al-Sudani*)

## **Darfur**

- Vice President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha reiterated yesterday his government's commitment to negotiations with opponents to the Darfur Peace Agreement in order to achieve a lasting peace and stability in the region. Taha stated during his meeting with African Union (AU) Commissioner for Peace and Security, Said Djinnit, the government would do its best to create a suitable

atmosphere for the mission of the AU in Darfur. Taha further called on the AU to exert more efforts to achieve peace and stability in Darfur. Djinnit affirmed that the AU is committed to the decisions reached in Abuja and Addis Ababa and will coordinate efforts with the UN to support the Darfur Peace Agreement. (*Sudan Vision*)

- Minister of Justice Ali Al-Mardy stated that certain members of the Sudanese Armed Forces and Popular Defense Forces will face trial over Darfur crimes. (*Al-Sudani*)

## **Miscellaneous**

- Hamas representative Khaled Mishal held talks yesterday with Sudanese opposition figure Dr. Hassan Al-Turabi in Khartoum. (*Al-Wihda*)

- Several people were injured during a clash with police in El-Moulid Square in Khartoum. Members of the public are upset at the Khartoum authorities' decision to build a storage facility in the square, which has been a popular gathering place. (*Al-Ayaam*)

- The head of the Umma Party, Al-Saddig Al-Mahdi, accused the ruling National Congress Party of aborting all opportunities for reconciliation between political parties. (*Al-Sahafa*)

## **Quote of the Day:**

**"The Government will not hand over any Sudanese to be tried outside the national judicial system." – Minister of Justice Ali Al-Mardy**

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